



SAND FIRE
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Sand Fire is currently 1,248 acres with 60% containment. The fire is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Winslow, AZ and 8 miles northwest of Chevelon Canyon Lake on the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest. The fire was human caused and is currently under investigation.

The Arizona Complex Incident Management Team assumed control of the fire on Tuesday evening. Incident Commander, Larry Humphrey, states containment of the fire depends on a significant wind event that is predicted for Wednesday which may have an effect on the fire lines. Temperature for Tuesday is expected to be 65-70 degrees, with 10-20% humidity and winds 10-15 mph.

Fire activity was light to moderate on Monday, crews will continue to improve and extend containment lines around the fire today. The fire is burning ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper vegetation.

Resources include 4 Type 1 crews, 3 Type 2 crews, 4 engines, 3 water tenders, 2 bull dozers, 2 heavy air tankers, 2 air attack aircraft, 2 Type 1 helicopters, and 1 Type 3 helicopter. There are 173 fire personnel assigned to the fire.

There are no travel restrictions in the area and Forest Road 34 remains open. Motorists are asked to travel with caution in the area and be aware of increased fire traffic.

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